MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : How long is it since these recommendations were made by the Advisory Board ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : They conducted the inspection and submitted their report in 1932.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Was there any recommendation with regard to the insufficiency of accommodation in the Sanskrit College ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : There may have been ; I am not sure.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : What was the impression formed by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction when he visited that institution ? Did he agree with the recommendations of the Advisory Council ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Accommodation is not quite sufficient for the needs of the College.

Scholarship Examination.

93. ✱**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the object of holding the scholarship examination in the Fourth Form for students who have passed out of the Third Form ; and

(*b*) the rule regarding the grant of this scholarship and the number and the particulars thereof ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) To select the best among those who are promoted from Form III.

(*b*) The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 426/25/Legis. E., dated the 21st April 1925 published on pages 197-207 of the Education Sheet of the Travancore Government Gazette, dated the 28th April 1925.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*), since I am referred to certain pages in the Gazette of the year 1925 and since I have not been supplied with that, may I request the member to read out the rules regarding the grant of this scholarship and other particulars thereof ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanam West*) : this excuse available to all of us also ?

PRESIDENT : A quotation from a publication which is available to the members.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : I wish to ask supplementary questions basing on that answer.

PRESIDENT : If you want to ask supplementary questions, nothing prevents you from doing so. You cannot ask the Director to read them *verbatim*.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : At least a brief summary of the contents.

PRESIDENT : No. Your attention has been drawn to a particular publication.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the total expenditure the Government had to incur by way of scholarships to students in the year 1109?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether grant-in-aid schools are made centres of scholarship examinations?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether the Headmasters of these schools are made chief superintendents of scholarship examinations?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether, in respect of School Final Examination conducted in grant-in-aid schools, there is a rule that, before opening the cover containing the question papers, it should be certified by the Headmaster of a Government School that the seal of the cover is kept intact?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir. That is the rule.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether that system is followed in respect of scholarship examinations conducted in grant-in-aid schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know why such a system is followed in the School Final Examination?

PRESIDENT: That is a question to be asked to the Board of Examination. You ask why such a procedure is followed. He cannot answer that.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they have considered the desirability of giving scholarships to the best boy in each school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That was the old arrangement. In 1925, Government appointed a Scholarship Committee of which Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai was one of the members. On the report of the Scholarship Committee, Government passed orders dividing the whole State into 19 regions and assigning 4 scholarships for each region. There are 76 scholarships for boys reading in the IV Form for the whole State.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the ground on which the system is changed?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have got spare copies of the G. O. and I shall be glad to give a copy to

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the member during the lunch interval so that he can make a close study of it.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Sir, the member is referred to certain pages in the Gazette. If he wants that information, he should buy that portion of the Gazette. Does the member mean that he should do so?

PRESIDENT: The member need not think so. The President thinks so.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

94. *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Karthikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action, if any, they have taken on the recommendation of the Assembly to abolish the export duty on cocoanut products and

(*b*) if they have vetoed the recommendation, the reason for doing so?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The export duty on some of the products of the cocoanut tree has been reduced.

(*b*) The recommendation was not vetoed, but has been partly accepted.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know the products of the cocoanut tree on which export duty has not been reduced?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Coir and coir yarn.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know why it was not reduced on these articles?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Because there was no fall in the price of these articles.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Is it the view of the Government that the price of coir and other articles is remaining same as it was before?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): At the time of the revision of the tariff value, the prices of coir and coir yarn were higher than what they were before.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether, subsequent to that, the prices of these articles have fallen down?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No; it has not appreciably fallen down.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Has it fallen down to some extent at least?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, it has not fallen.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): So the price remains the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know the reason why the export duty on all the products was not reduced?

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